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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--25 NOVEMBER 1964

1. CONGO:

A. BELGIAN PARATROOPS HAVE BEEN DRAWN BACK TO THE AIR-PORT AND THE VAN DER WALLE FORCE IS CONDUCTING THE "CLEAN-UP" OPERATION WHICH MAY TAKE A WEEK.

B. VAN DER WALLE IS MEETING SOME REBEL RESISTANCE IN THE CITY AND ACROSS THE RIVER.

C. EXCEPT FOR THE TWO KILLED, ALL AMERICANS ARE NOW ACCOUNTED FOR. LATEST ESTIMATES OF THE CASUALTIES ARE 30-50 EUROPEANS KILLED, AND DOUBLE THAT NUMBER WOUNDED; 790 REFUGEES HAVE BEEN EVACUATED WITH 500 MORE TO GO.

D. A GOVERNMENT COLUMN MOVING FROM BUMBA TOOK AKETI YESTERDAY, RESCUING TEN AMERICAN MISSIONARIES AND 134 EUROPEANS.

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F. WE DO NOT KNOW WHERE THE REBEL LEADERS ARE.

2. WORLD REACTION:

A. THE USSR AND COMMUNIST CHINA HAVE STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE STANLEYVILLE ACTION AS HAVE EGYPT, ALGERIA, AND GHANA.

B. MOROCCO, MALAGASY REPUBLIC, LIBERIA, NIGERIA, ETHIOPIA, AND THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC HAVE BEEN

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PUBLICLY RESTRAINED IN THEIR COMMENT.

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C. THERE IS AS YET NO DISCERNIBLE PLAN FOR POLITICAL ACTION ADVERSE TO US INTERESTS. SOME OF THE AFRICAN STATES AT THE UN HAVE BEEN MEETING ON THE ISSUE, AND THE OAU AD HOC COMMISSION, WHICH IS DOMINATED BY RADICAL AFRICANS, IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN NAIROBI ON THURSDAY.

3. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUE IN SAIGON.

B. RIOTING STUDENTS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN INTO THE NATIONAL BUDDHIST SHRINE BY AN ARMY BATTALION HURRIEDLY ORDERED INTO SAIGON.

C. BUDDHIST LEADERS HAVE PUBLISHED A LETTER DEMANDING IMMEDIATE DISSOLUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND RELEASE OF THE PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED DEMONSTRATORS.

D. THIS IS AN OMINOUS DEVELOPMENT, AS IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE TRI QUANG FACTION HAS JOINED TAM CHAU IN SEEKING TO BRING DOWN THE HUONG REGIME.

E. VIET CONG MILITARY ACTIVITY REMAINS RELATIVELY LIGHT.

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5. HUNGARY:

A. PARTY BOSS KADAR, LIKE HIS COLLEAGUES IN RUMANIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SEEMS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE HIS MORE INDEPENDENT COURSE IN BLOC AFFAIRS.

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C. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT KADAR HAS CHANGED HIS COURSE AS A RESULT OF HIS SUBSEQUENT VISIT TO MOSCOW.

6. BRAZIL:

A. PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO IS UNDER HEAVY MILITARY PRESSURE TO INTERVENE IN GOIAS STATE NOW THAT THE SUPREME COURT HAS RULED THAT GOVERNOR BORGES IS IMMUNE TO PROSECUTION FOR SUBVERSION.

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## 7. NOTES:

A. UN: THE SOVIETS, WITH A SHOWDOWN ON ARTICLE 19 FAST APPROACHING, ARE MANEUVERING IN SEVERAL DIRECTIONS. THEY PROPOSE A SMALL INFORMAL COMMITTEE INCLUDING U THANT, STEVENSON, AND FEDERENKO BE SET UP TO STUDY THE FINANCIAL PROBLEM AT THE UN AND REPORT BEFORE THE END OF THIS ASSEMBLY OR BEGINNING OF THE NEXT. UN OFFICIALS THINK IT APPARENT THAT SOME SORT OF POSTPONEMENT OF THE SESSION IS IN THE AIR, AND THAT THE SOVIETS BELIEVE THEY CAN WIN A DELAY.

B. SUDAN: THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAS PUT RESTRICTIONS ON OVERFLIGHTS OF SUDAN. THIS MAINLY AFFECTS BRITISH MILITARY FLIGHTS TO ADEN AND THE FAR EAST.

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C. INDIA: THE STATE OF KERALA MAY WELL GO COMMUNIST AGAIN WHEN STATE ELECTIONS ARE HELD IN FEBRUARY. THE TWO COMMUNIST PARTIES OPERATING THERE SEEM TO BE MOVING TOWARD AN ELECTORAL ALLIANCE AND FOOD SHORTAGES PLUS GENERAL INEPTNESS IN THE LOCAL CONGRESS PARTY HAVE HELPED THEIR CAUSE. A COMMUNIST VICTORY WOULD BE A CONSIDERABLE BLOW TO SHASTRI.

D. USSR: A NEW SOVIET SPACE VENTURE, PROBABLY A MARS PROBE, IS IN THE OFFING.

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E. USSR: [REDACTED]

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F. ITALY: NENNI, WHOSE SOCIALISTS ARE SMARTING UNDER THEIR LARGE ELECTORAL LOSSES, WILL NOT HAVE AN EASY TIME BETWEEN NOW AND HIS PARTY'S CONGRESS IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH. HE WILL HAVE TO EXTRACT SOME FAIRLY MEANINGFUL REFORM MOVES FROM MORO IN THE INTERIM IF HE IS TO STAVE OFF PARTY PRESSURES FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CENTER-LEFT COALITION. THE ALWAYS PRECARIOUS APPLICART COULD ALSO BE UPSET IF AN EARLY PARLIAMENTARY VOTE IS CALLED ON A SUCCESSOR TO AILING PRESIDENT SEGNI.

G. PANAMA: THOUGH THE ROBLES GOVERNMENT HAS WON A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FROM THE ASSEMBLY FOR ITS HANDLING OF THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS, THE COMMUNISTS PLAN MORE DEMONSTRATIONS TODAY. THEY ARE STILL IN CONTACT WITH LEFTIST LABOR LEADERS IN AN EFFORT TO MOUNT A GENERAL STRIKE.

H. BRITISH GUIANA: THE 7 DECEMBER VOTE IS EXPECTED TO BE CLOSE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] JAGAN'S PARTY WILL PROBABLY GET A PLURALITY BUT NOT A MAJORITY UNDER THE NEW PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION SYSTEM. THE PROSPECTIVE ANTI-JAGAN COALITION PARTNERS ARE ALREADY FALLING OUT.

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